Foreign assistance for development of National Highways

604. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed an agreement with some foreign countries for development of the National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the countries and details of the National Highways of States/UTs where roads are likely to be developed; and

(c) the details of the allocation of fund made for 2001-2002 for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) An agreement has been signed between National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), Government of Malaysia for four-lanning of Tada-Nellore section of NH-5 and Vijayawada-Nandigama section of NH-9 in the State of Andhra Pradesh on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis with a grant component from NHAI.

(c) No grant is proposed to be allocated during the year 2001-2002.

Declaration of Moradabad-Tehri Road as National Highway

605. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare some State Highways as National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned/granted any amount for widening and improvement of Moradabad-Ramnagar-Pauri-Tehri State Highway;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to declare the said Highway as National Highway; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Some small lengths of missing links in National Highways in the States of